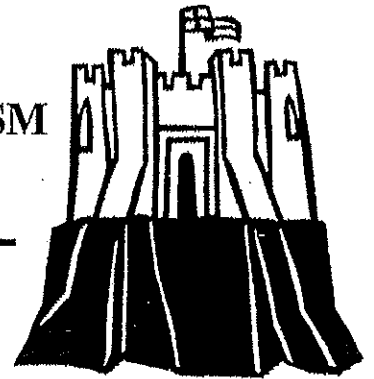


welcome to worship
REFORMATION SUNDAY/AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM
October 27, 2024 ♦ 10:00 am



The assembly's responses are in bold print.

PRELUDE *Prelude and Fugue in E minor (The Cathedral)*

J. S. Bach

WELCOME

Pastor Katie

The assembly stands.

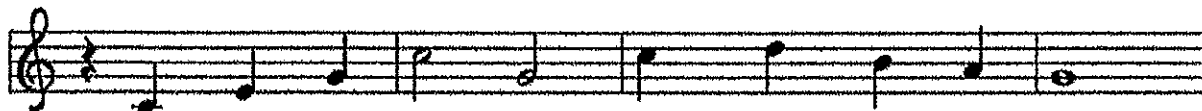
GATHERING HYMN *Founded on Faith*



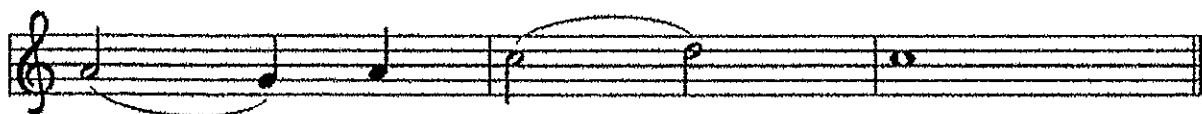
1 Found - ed on faith, the church— a - live by grace—
2 Your cross, O Christ, re - news our life each day.
3 E - quipped by prayer, we live the Spir - it's call.
4 Grow - ing in grace for God's cre - at - ed earth,
5 Found - ed on faith, called forth, em - pow'ed to serve,



pro - claims the gos - pel here and ev - 'ry place.
Bap - tized in you, we learn and teach and pray.
Em - pow'ed to serve with gifts, both great and small,
we yearn for jus - tice, peace, and hu - man worth;
we share God's end - less love with - out re - serve.



The word of God re - sounds through time and space:
Fed by your love, with thank - ful hearts, we say:
we bring the liv - ing hope of God to all.
a world re - stored; a faith - ful, car - ing church.
Then let us shout a - loud the liv - ing Word!



Al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Gracious God, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Miss Caitlyn

READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34 (The Message)

³¹⁻³² God's Decree: "The time is coming when I will make a brand-new covenant with Israel and Judah. It won't be a repeat of the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took their hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant even though I did my part as their Master."

³³⁻³⁴ "This is the brand-new covenant that I will make with Israel when the time comes. I will put my law within them—write it on their hearts!—and be their God. And they will be my people. They will no longer go around setting up schools to teach each other about GOD. They'll know me firsthand, the dull and the bright, the smart and the slow. I'll wipe the slate clean for each of them. I'll forget they ever sinned!"

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly sings twice – first in Spanish, then in English.

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. El Se - fíor re - su - ci - tó.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en, ris 'n in - deed.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 8:31-36 (The Message)

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³¹⁻³² Then Jesus turned to the Jews who had claimed to believe in him. "If you stick with this, living out what I tell you, you are my disciples for sure. Then you will experience for yourselves the truth, and the truth will free you."

³³ Surprised, they said, "But we're descendants of Abraham. We've never been slaves to anyone. How can you say, 'The truth will free you'?"

³⁴⁻³⁸ Jesus said, "I tell you most solemnly that anyone who chooses a life of sin is trapped in a dead-end life and is, in fact, a slave. A slave can't come and go at will. The Son, though, has an established position, the run of the house. So if the Son sets you free, you are free through and through. I know you are Abraham's descendants. But I also know that you are trying to kill me because my message hasn't yet penetrated your thick skulls. I'm talking about things I have seen while keeping company with the Father, and you just go on doing what you have heard from your father."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Pastor Katie

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for the following young people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism:

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| Piper Lynch | Shannon Bratton | Nora Pflomm |
| Kyleigh McCrae | Ryan Baker | Maya Lowell |
| Sierra Lowell | Lauren Gentry | Sydney Adams |
| Charlie Rogers | | |

Following the prayer, the assembly stands.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God? **I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father? **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Following the individual affirmations...

People of God, do you promise to support these youth and pray for them in their life in Christ? **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Following the individual blessings...

Let us rejoice with these siblings in Christ. **We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition concludes ... God of grace, receive our prayer.

The prayers conclude ... both now and forever. Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

If you brought an offering or your pledge card today, please place it in an offering plate that ushers will pass at this time. Thank you for your generous gifts! Did you know you can give using a credit card? Scan the QR code to the right.



OFFERTORY

God Is Our Refuge (based on Psalm 46)

Atonement Choir

Pote

Refrain: God is our refuge and strength, a present help in time of trouble.
Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
Though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear.

Come and behold the work of the Lord, the awesome acts of God.
He is in the midst of his people, in all the earth.
He is the Word, we are his hands, he will lead us.
He is the air, we are his song,
We will celebrate his presence all the day long. *Refrain*

Come and behold the work of the Lord, the awesome acts of God.
He is in the midst of his people, in all the earth.
He is the rain, we are the stones, he will cleanse us.
He is the air, we are his song,
We will celebrate his presence all the day long. *Refrain*

The assembly stands.

HOLY COMMUNION

LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

All sing

♩ **Our Father in heaven, hallowed by your Name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
Now and forever. Amen.**

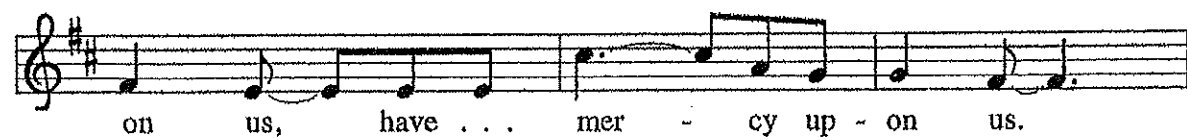
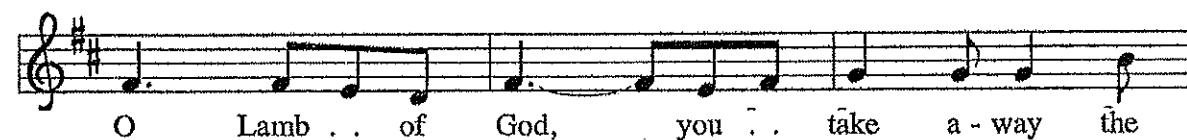
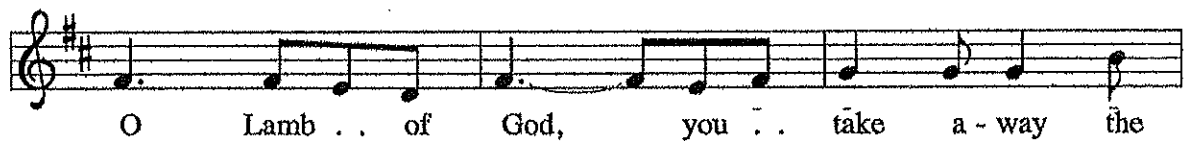
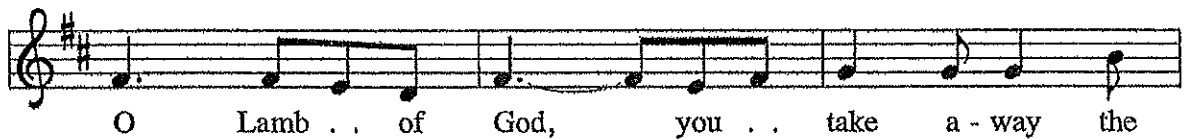
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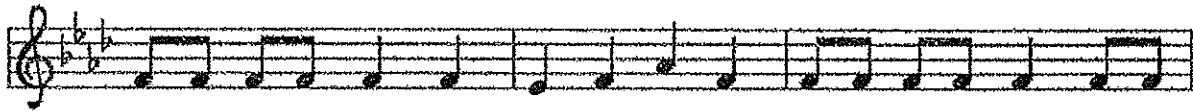
Everyone is welcome to receive Holy Communion at Atonement. Follow the directions of the ushers to receive bread and a pre-filled cup of wine or grape juice (in purple cups) from the communion assistants. Deposit your empty cup in the basket at the end of the front pew and return to your seat by the side aisles. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Children are welcome to receive communion with their parents' permission.

Please take a moment to sign and pass the attendance pads found in the pews, check in to Atonement on your favorite social media platform, share a photo with your digital community, and say something gentle in the spirit of Jesus!

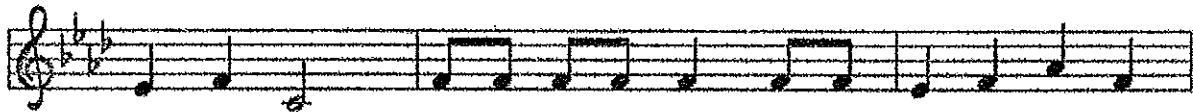
MUSIC DURING COMMUNION *Lamb of God*



Listen to the Word



Lis-ten to the word that God has spo-ken; lis-ten to the One who is

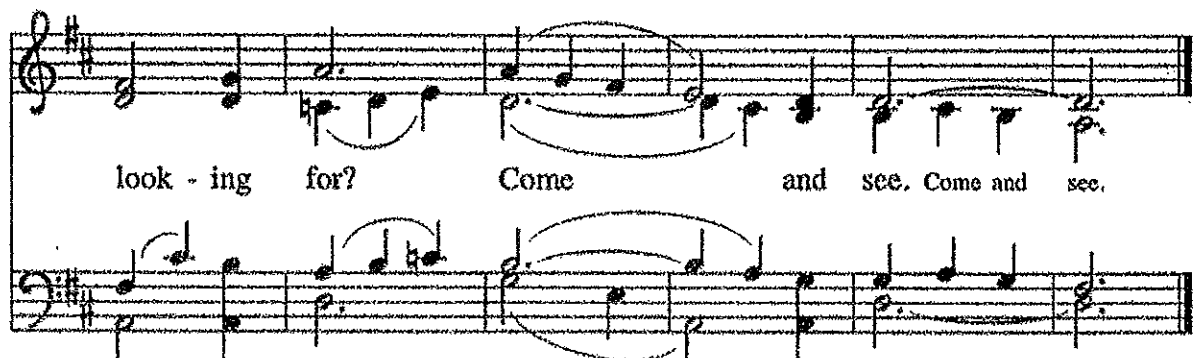
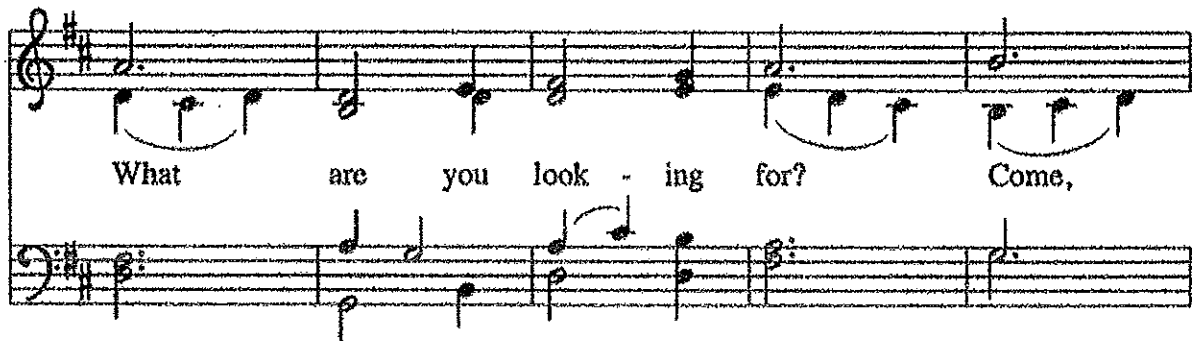


close at hand; lis-ten to the voice that be-gan cre-a-tion;



lis-ten e-ven if you don't un-der-stand.

Come and See



The assembly stands.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy Jesus, in this meal you have fed and nourished us to work in your beloved world. Send us now, filled with yourself and strengthened by your Spirit to live your love for others. **Amen.**

BLESSING

Blessed are you in the alienation and the fear,
The “where will I find my people,”
The confusion or anger or the still-wounded from un-belonging.
May you feel your own worthiness.
May you feel your own belovedness.
May you find yourself wrapped in a story larger than the one you can trace.
A story of love and hope and courage.
A story truer than the one you’ve been told.
Blessed are all of us here, in this family of God. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN 504 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* stanzas 1, 2, 4

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God Lovelace

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WARMEST WELCOME to this congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America! We are a Lutheran church, but we're not just for Lutherans—we belong to our community! Together we are on the journey of discipleship with Jesus, who guides us from worship to formation, from formation to fellowship, and from fellowship to Christ-like servanthood.

CHILDREN are very welcome at Atonement! Activity bags and children's bulletins are available at the entrance to the worship space. Children from 3 years of age to 2nd grade are invited to experience worship geared just for them—follow the CHILDREN'S CHAPEL leader to the privacy room after the Children's Message. Children will return to their families for communion.

THE NURSERY is available Sunday mornings for preschool aged children and younger in Room F126 during 10:00 am worship.

RESTROOMS are located in the hall next to the worship space.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS are Monday—Thursday, 10:30am—2:30pm or by appointment.

ATONEMENT VOLUNTEERS SERVE AT OPPORTUNITY HOUSE the third Saturday of every month. Interested in joining the team? Contact Bob Eisenbrown at 484-332-8788.

PILATES AT ATONEMENT is open for anyone! Join us for chair Pilates at 9:30 or mat Pilates at 10:30 Tuesday mornings. Classes are led by certified instructor and a member of the Authentic Pilates Union (APU), Martha Connolly. Cost is \$5 per session.

PICKLEBALL in the Atonement gym continues this afternoon at 3:00 pm. Everyone is welcome!

FAITH FORMATION for children and adults continues this fall at 8:45 am. Children meet in the choir room. Adults, including the new members class, meet in room F122 for small groups.

PART-TIME SEXTON NEEDED for Sunday mornings and 8-11 hours over 2-3 weekdays. Call the office for additional information, 610-375-3512.

DONATING TO THE COMMUNITY AID THRIFT SHOP can benefit Common Ground. Use the code 50244 when you make a donation. Details explained in the October newsletter.

GIVE TO LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip the ELCA to respond to Hurricane Helene, Hurricane Milton, and other disasters, whenever and wherever they strike. Your gifts in support of Lutheran Disaster Response help our church provide immediate relief, such as water, clothing, gift cards, tarps, and other needs. Since many hurricanes also require a long-term response, Lutheran Disaster Response provides support on the long road to recovery with disaster case management, construction management, unmet needs, and emotional and spiritual care. To give, make your check payable to Atonement Lutheran Church and write "Lutheran Disaster Response" in the memo line.

MEAL POP-UP fundraiser for our preschool will be November 7 with Vincenzo's. Details and easy online ordering at MealPopUp.com.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY is next week, November 3. If you have a loved one who died since All Saints Day in 2023, please call the office to have their name(s) added to our list of saints.

LAUER'S PARK is in need of school items and clothing for their Knight's Closet. Contact Gail Dawson-White at 610-372-1131 if you have questions or would like to help.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



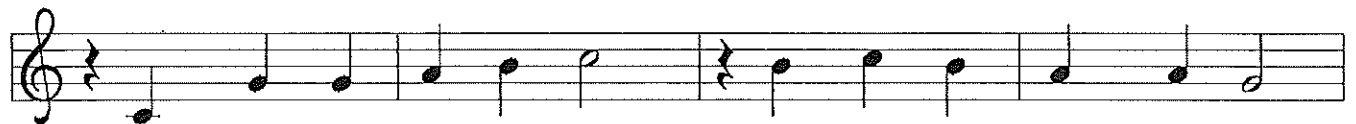
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!